

## **Bunchberry**

### ***Cornus canadensis***

**Habitat:** Algific talus slopes within deciduous forests

**Blooms:** Large white bracts look like petals. Flowers are actually small and green or yellow to purple. The flowers bloom from late May to July. Low fruit set, low germination and survival rates, and slow early growth limit reproduction by seed, and therefore most regeneration is by rhizome.

**Seeds:** Bright red fruits ripen in late summer

**Threats:**

- Vulnerable to disturbance
- Moderately susceptible to fire. Bunchberry cannot survive severe fires that burn the duff layer.

**Habitat Improvement Guidelines:**

- Do not log areas where bunchberry occurs.

